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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: application of )  
John Hoeper, et. al )  
Serial No.: 10/686,836 ) Group Art Unit  
Filed: October 15, 2003 ) 3611  
For: MUNITIONS TRAILER ) Attorney Docket: 88914  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment and response is responsive to the Office Action of September 29, 2004, having a period for response expiring December 29, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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chock is stored in a hole in the trailer bed. Rotation of a chock to an open position does not uncover a deck opening that provides clearance suitable for loading and unloading cargo items.

Claims 1 and 19 of the application have been amended to more fully recite that the deck opening between deck segments provides a clearance for loading and unloading munitions items. Support for the amendment is found at page 10, line 4 of the specification. The munitions loader has the clearance space available to it in the loading and unloading procedures. For example a loader with a platform carrying long bodied munitions can deposit the load on the deck. The deck opening clearance allows the loader platform to be lowered further to a point beneath the deck surface and free of the load so that the loader can be moved away from the deck. As noted above, this structure is not present or suggested by the JP '238 reference. Allowance of independent claims 1 and 19 is respectfully requested along with claims dependent thereon.

Respectfully submitted,  
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1202 18	2202 9			Claims in excess of 20
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1203 300	2203 150			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44			" Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9			" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1304	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
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